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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

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divisional  
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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

**WARNING:** If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION  
DETERMINATION OF CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIAL

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))  
(a) \_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

(b) \_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_ Serial No. 08/\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

**NOTE:** Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are

those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

(c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/IB95/00672 filed on 21 August 1995 and as amended under PCT Article 19 with letters of 4 October 1996 and 12 November 1996.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. § 1.56.

(also check the following items, if desired)

and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement 37 CFR 1.97.

#### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d)  no such applications have been filed.

(e)  such applications have been filed as follows

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

A. PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY  
CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 199

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 USC 119
United Kingdom	9416787.1	19 August 1994	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
United Kingdom	9503472.4	22 February 1995	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.

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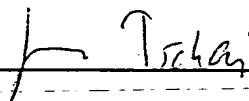
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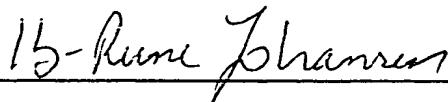
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